

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1-8 are cancelled.

9. (New) An article comprising:

a base substrate having a first side and a second side;

a plurality of receiving loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, the receiving loop yarns comprising a multi-filament yarn; and,

a plurality of stiff loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, each of said plurality of stiff loop yarns comprising a filament yarn having a denier per filament of at least about 10 denier per filament greater than the multi-filament yarns of the receiving loop yarns, and wherein the stiff loop yarns are stiffer than the receiving loop yarns.

10. (New) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the base substrate comprises a knitted cloth.

11. (New) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the receiving loop yarns have a denier per filament of from about 0.01 to about 5.

12. (New) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the receiving loop yarns have a denier per filament of less than about 1.

13. (New) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the receiving loop yarns have from 10 to 10,000 filaments per yarn.

14. (New) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the stiff loop yarns comprise a mono-filament yarn.

15. (New) The article according to Claim 14, wherein the stiff loop yarns include a cross-section with an aspect ratio of greater than 1.2.

16. (New) The article according to Claim 14, wherein the stiff loop yarns include a cross-sectional shape including at least one corner edge.

17. (New) The article according to Claim 14, wherein the stiff loop yarn include a rectangular cross section.

18. (New) The article according to claim 14, wherein the stiff loop yarns comprise a slit film.

19. (New) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the stiff loop yarns comprise a multi-filament yarn.

20. (New) An article comprising:

a base substrate having a base substrate first side and a second side;

a plurality of receiving loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, the receiving loop yarns comprising staple yarns; and

a plurality of stiff loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, wherein the stiff loop yarns are stiffer than the receiving loop yarns.

21. (New) The article according to Claim 20, wherein the base substrate comprises a knitted cloth.

22. (New) The article according to Claim 20, wherein the stiff loop yarns comprise a mono-filament yarn.

23. (New) The article according to Claim 22, wherein the stiff loop yarns include a cross-section having at least one corner edge.

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24. (New) The article according to Claim 22, wherein the stiff loop yarns include a cross-section having an aspect ratio of greater than 1.2.

24. (New) An article according to Claim 22, wherein the stiff loop yarns include a cross-section having a rectangular shape.

25. (New) The article according to Claim 22, wherein the stiff loop yarns comprise a slit film.

26. (New) The article according to Claim 20, wherein the stiff loop yarns comprise multi-filament yarns.